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1. [redacted] North Korean office workers followed a fairly standard daily routine. Those who lived near their offices walked; those who did not utilize local buses. The latter were required to present proper documentation from their factory or office before purchasing bus tickets. Special commuter tickets of 60 coupons sold for 300 won, or 5 won per ticket.<sup>1</sup> During the winter the office hours were from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. During the summer the lunch hour was lengthened from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; most offices closed at 6:00 p.m.
2. Many workers brought their lunches to work; others ate in local dining rooms. Most offices had no dining room facilities, but some of the larger organizations served meals in the workers' dormitories to resident workers only. Office workers who brought lunches usually ate at their desks; laborers ate in small groups. After lunch the workers either read or played volley ball and basket ball.<sup>2</sup>
3. Two or three times weekly, group discussions that lasted about two hours were held by each factory and office after working hours. All workers were expected to attend meetings and to take part in the discussions. The discussion group leader was usually selected from the workers; in some larger factories a full-time instructor was assigned. Discussion topics were current political problems suggested by the regional head of the Peoples' Committee. Discussion material was furnished by the Korean Labor Party of the region.

## [redacted] Comments

1. The regular bus fare was 10 won per ride. Commuter tickets were also available to students.
2. During the summer in Ch'ongjin, workers were allowed to take mid-day naps in the night-duty room at the office of the City Headquarters of the Ch'ongjin Peoples' Committee.

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